

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 82**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Cristina Garcia**

January 6, 2015

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An act to add Section 12801.3 to the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 82, as introduced, Cristina Garcia. Vehicles: driver's license: selective service.

Existing law establishes the practices and procedures for the issuance of an original or a renewal of a driver's license. The federal Military Selective Service Act requires specified persons to register with the federal Selective Service System.

This bill would require a person who is required to be registered under the federal act and who submits an application for an original driver's license to be deemed to have consented to registration with the federal Selective Service System, as provided. The bill would require the Department of Motor Vehicles to include specified notices on an application for an original driver's license and would require the department to forward the necessary personal information required for registration to the federal Selective Service System in an electronic format.

This bill would require the Department of Motor Vehicles to implement the provisions of this bill by a certain date only if the first year operating costs do not exceed \$350,000 and federal funding in an amount sufficient to pay for those costs has been provided, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the  
2 following:

3     (a) California has one of the lowest Selective Service System  
4 registration compliance rates in the nation.

5     (b) Males who are between 18 and 26 years of age who fail to  
6 register with the Selective Service System, as required by federal  
7 law, face possible federal penalties and loss of federal benefits,  
8 including student financial assistance, federal employment, such  
9 as employment with the United States Postal Service, job training  
10 under the federal Workforce Investment Act (29 U.S.C. Sec. 2801  
11 et seq.), and citizenship for immigrants.

12     (c) California law requires selective service registration for state  
13 student financial aid, including Cal grants and financial aid for  
14 immigrants under the California Dream Act.

15     (d) The failure of young men to register with the Selective  
16 Service System has resulted in the lifetime loss of over  
17 \$100,000,000 in potential benefits over the last three years for  
18 young men in California.

19     (e) Forty states, four territories, and the District of Columbia  
20 have enacted legislation related to the issuance of a driver's license  
21 in support of the Selective Service System registration.

22     (f) To promote the fairness and equity of any future draft, to  
23 ensure that important benefits associated with the registration  
24 requirement are not lost, and to promote compliance with federal  
25 law, the driver's license application process should be revised so  
26 that every male applicant for an original driver's license who is  
27 between 18 and 26 years of age consents to his registration with  
28 the Selective Service System, as required by federal law.

29     SEC. 2. Section 12801.3 is added to the Vehicle Code, to read:

30     12801.3. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, a person who is  
31 required to be registered under the federal Military Selective  
32 Service Act (50 U.S.C. App. Sec. 451 et seq.) and who submits  
33 an application for an original driver's license is deemed to have  
34 consented to registration with the federal Selective Service System.

35     (b) The submission of an application for an original driver's  
36 license by a person specified in subdivision (a) shall establish a  
37 conclusive presumption that the person has done either of the  
38 following:

1 (1) Registered with the federal Selective Service System in  
2 compliance with the federal Military Selective Service Act.

3 (2) Authorized the department to forward to the federal Selective  
4 Service System the necessary information for the Selective Service  
5 System registration when that person is required to register under  
6 the federal Military Selective Service Act.

7 (c) The department shall require an application for an original  
8 driver's license to include a notice indicating the following:

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10 "By submitting this application, I am consenting to registration  
11 with the Selective Service System, if required by federal law. If I  
12 am under 18 years of age, but at least 16 years of age, I understand  
13 that I will be registered upon reaching 18 years of age."

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15 (d) The department shall require an application for an original  
16 driver's license to include a notice indicating the following:

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18 "For applicants who object to conventional military service for  
19 religious or other conscientious reasons, alternative service  
20 information is available from the Selective Service System Internet  
21 Web site: <http://www.sss.gov/FSaltsvc.htm>"

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23 (e) The department shall forward to the federal Selective Service  
24 System, in an electronic format, the necessary personal information  
25 required for the registration of a person specified in subdivision  
26 (a).

27 (f) This section applies to United States citizens and immigrants  
28 who are 16 years of age or older but less than 26 years of age who  
29 are applying for an original driver's license and who are or will  
30 be required to register with the Selective Service System in  
31 accordance with the Military Selective Service Act.

32 (g) (1) (A) This section shall be implemented by the department  
33 only if both of the following conditions are satisfied:

34 (i) The implementation and first year operating costs do not  
35 exceed three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000).

36 (ii) Federal funding in an amount sufficient to pay for all  
37 implementation and first year operating costs has been provided.

38 (B) On or before June 30, 2016, the Director of Motor Vehicles  
39 shall do all of the following:

- 1 (i) Determine whether the conditions specified in subparagraph  
2 (A) are satisfied.
- 3 (ii) Execute a declaration stating his or her determination of  
4 whether the conditions specified in subparagraph (A) are satisfied.  
5 The declaration shall state that it is being made pursuant to this  
6 section.
- 7 (iii) Retain the declaration and provide a copy within five  
8 working days of the execution of the declaration to the fiscal and  
9 appropriate policy committees of the Legislature, the Secretary of  
10 State, the Secretary of the Senate, the Chief Clerk of the Assembly,  
11 the Legislative Counsel, and the federal Selective Service System.
- 12 (iv) Post a copy of the declaration on the department's Internet  
13 Web site.
- 14 (2) Subject to paragraph (1), the department shall implement  
15 subdivisions (a) to (f), inclusive, of this section on or before  
16 January 31, 2017.